

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 123

BY REPRESENTATIVE THIBAUT

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

AUDITS/AUDITING: Provides relative to the threshold for certain audit requirements

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 24:513(J)(1)(c)(introductory paragraph) and (i)(aa) and (bb), (ii),  
3 and (v)(aa) and (3), relative to audits; to provide relative to the threshold amount for  
4 certain audit requirements; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 24:513(J)(1)(c)(i)(introductory paragraph) and (aa) and (bb), (ii), and  
7 (v)(aa) and (3) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §513. Powers and duties of legislative auditor; audit reports as public records;  
9 assistance and opinions of attorney general; frequency of audits; subpoena  
10 power

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12 J.(1) The audits enumerated in Subsection A of this Section shall be  
13 conducted frequently enough to control and safeguard the assets of the auditee as  
14 follows:

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16 (c) The financial statements of local auditees; as defined in Paragraph  
17 ~~A(3)~~(A)(3) of this Section; shall be audited as follows:

18 (i)(aa) Any local auditee that receives ~~forty~~ one hundred thousand dollars or  
19 less in revenues and other sources in any one fiscal year shall not be required to have  
20 an audit; but must file a certification with the legislative auditor indicating that it

1 received  ~~fifty~~  one hundred  thousand dollars or less in funds for the fiscal year.  
 2 Monies received from urban or rural development grants shall not be used in fiscal  
 3 year computation of revenue amounts requiring an audit. The auditee shall annually  
 4 file with the legislative auditor sworn financial statements as required by R.S.  
 5 24:514. However, the legislative auditor, at his discretion, may require said local  
 6 auditee to have an audit of its books and accounts.

7 (bb) However, any volunteer fire department that receives  ~~fifty~~  one hundred   
 8 thousand dollars or less in funds in any one fiscal year shall not be required to have  
 9 an audit; but shall file a certification with the legislative auditor signed by the  
 10 president of the volunteer fire department indicating that the department received  
 11  ~~fifty~~  one hundred  thousand dollars or less for the fiscal year and shall annually file  
 12 with the legislative auditor sworn financial statements as required by R.S. 24:514.  
 13 The legislative auditor, at his discretion, may require any such volunteer fire  
 14 department to have an audit of its books and accounts.

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16 (ii) Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 24:514, any local auditee that  
 17 receives more than  ~~fifty~~  one hundred  thousand dollars in revenues and other sources  
 18 in any one fiscal year, but less than two hundred thousand dollars, shall cause to be  
 19 conducted an annual compilation of its financial statements, with or without  
 20 footnotes, in accordance with the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide. However,  
 21 the legislative auditor, at his discretion, may require said local auditee to have an  
 22 audit of its books and accounts.

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24 (v)(aa) To provide enhanced additional oversight by the legislative auditor,  
 25 in any parish having a population of not less than two hundred twenty-five thousand  
 26 and not more than two hundred fifty thousand according to the latest federal  
 27 decennial census, the legislative auditor shall establish the criteria for procedures  
 28 which shall be performed in addition to annual reporting requirements required by



legislative auditor, at his discretion, may require the auditee to have an audit of its books and accounts. Proposed law changes the amount to \$100,000 or less and otherwise maintains present law.

Present law requires any local auditee and certain other auditees that receive more than \$50,000 in any one fiscal year, but less than \$200,000, to conduct an annual compilation of financial statements, with or without footnotes in accordance with the La. Governmental Audit Guide. Provides that the legislative auditor, at his discretion, may require the auditee to have an audit of its books and accounts. Proposed law changes the amount to more than \$100,000 but less than \$200,000 and otherwise maintains present law.

(Amends R.S. 24:513(J)(1)(c)(intro. para.) and (i)(aa) and (bb), (ii), and (v)(aa) and (3))